

Club Vida basketball team. In 1940, Dr. Levinson coached the basketball team all the way to the first game of a national championship at Denver, CO.

Other awards Dr. Levinson has received include the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, presented by former Indiana Governor, Robert Orr, and the Lugar Fitness Award, presented by U.S. Senator, the Honorable RICHARD LUGAR. The Sagamore of the Wabash Award is the most prestigious award granted by the Governor of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Francisco F. and Geraldine Levinson on their receipt of the 1997 Merrillville Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award. Their children, Eileen Samuelson and Don Levinson, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, can be proud of the hard work and dedication the Levinsons have displayed while working to improve the quality of life for the residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK LEE

##### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Lee of San Mateo, CA, who passed away on June 7, 1997, and who will be buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery. He will be fondly remembered for his lifelong dedication to marine engineering, significantly improving harbor facilities in the San Francisco Bay area, and providing leadership in the Asian-American community.

Frank Lee gave much of himself to our region and touched people's lives both at home and abroad. He served his country in the South Pacific during World War II as a merchant marine and spent 35 successful years as a marine engineer and naval architect. During his career, he completed the \$467 million retrofit of the battleship *New Jersey* and led over 50 design modifications of various U.S. Navy and commercial ships.

Frank Lee served for 28 years on the board of directors of the San Mateo County Harbor District. He was president of the board for six terms, and, in 1994, he was named president emeritus of the board, a position created just for him. Frank Lee has left an indelible mark on our county harbors. He transformed the Pillar Point Harbor into a premier commercial and recreation harbor with 369 berths and then did the same with Oyster Point Harbor.

Frank Lee also found time to provide leadership in the Asian-American community. He was a founder of the Peninsula Association for Chinese Americans, an advisor to the Organization of Chinese Americans, a member of the Asian American Manufacturers Association, and a president of People to People International, an organization promoting world peace. Frank Lee always encouraged other Asian-Americans to become active in the community and gained the respect and admiration of everyone who worked with him. Above all, Frank Lee was devoted to his beautiful family.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Lee will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Frank

Lee and his lifetime of contributions to the bay area community.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICER THOMAS FAHEY

##### HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding bravery of Police Officer Thomas Fahey, an exemplary New Yorker and 14-year member of the New York Police Department [NYPD] who is currently battling a life-threatening disease.

Officer Fahey has been diagnosed with third-stage cancer with only a 20 percent chance of survival. A team of physicians has already prepared for an experimental procedure whereby Officer Fahey must undergo an exceedingly large amount of blood transfusions of up to 300 pints of extremely rare type O-negative blood.

On Monday, April 21, concerned individuals from throughout the New York metropolitan region arrived in droves at the Flushing Armory in Flushing, Queens, and subsequently donated over 1,000 pints of blood for Officer Fahey. Representatives of the American Red Cross indicated that this tremendous outpouring of support for Officer Fahey culminated in the largest single-day blood drive in the history of New York State.

For the past decade, Officer Fahey has dutifully served as the NYPD youth officer for the 110th Precinct in Elmhurst, Queens in the Seventh Congressional District. Numerous educational and athletic programs for countless youths within the precinct were successfully implemented on his watch. His dedication to serve his community and fellow citizens illustrates his commitment to helping others.

Indeed, Officer Fahey's distinguished record of community service has not been limited to the city of New York. In addition to the field of law enforcement, Thomas Fahey also earned a solid reputation while serving in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserves. Foremost among Officer Fahey's stints of heroic actions made on behalf of our Nation was his active participation in both the Persian Gulf war and the TWA Flight 800 rescue operation.

His professional achievements aside, Officer Fahey is a dedicated family man who has always been there for Debbie, his wife of 17 years, and their three children, Christina, 14, Marissa, 9, and Tammy, 7.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in recognizing Police Officer Thomas Fahey, along with his family, friends, and fellow officers, on the occasion of today's NYPD "10-13" Benefit that has been organized in his behalf. And, I genuinely hope that this event will go a long way in defraying Officer Fahey's excessive medical costs as well as heightening our awareness of an affliction that he and others are forced to confront on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, as a former New York City police officer, I am proud to bring Officer Fahey's accomplishments and ordeals to the attention of my colleagues. My best wishes go out to him and his family.

#### CLARIFICATION BY FATHER DRINAN

##### HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Jesuit Father and Georgetown University Law Center Prof. Robert F. Drinan has withdrawn statements he made in a New York Times article of June 4, 1996, on legislation to ban so-called partial-birth abortion. At the request of the Most Reverend John R. McNamara, regional bishop for Massachusetts' Merrimack region, I am submitting for the RECORD the text of Father Drinan's statement of May 12, 1997, clarifying his position on abortion.

Articles that I wrote in the New York Times on June 4, 1996, and in the National Catholic Reporter on May 31, 1996, were used in ways I did not intend. I withdrew those statements and any statement that could be understood to cast doubt on the Church's firm condemnation of abortion—a doctrine that I totally support.

Moreover, new information about the true nature and widespread use of partial-birth abortion renders my statements on that issue in 1996 factually incorrect.

I do not believe the every moral evil should be outlawed. I do, however, see abortion—particularly partial-birth abortion—as a grave evil and can understand why Church leaders are urging lawmakers to ban it. I do not want anything to impede that effort. On the contrary, I join in that effort and stand ready to promote laws and public policies that aim to protect vulnerable human life from conception until natural death. I support the Catholic bishops in their efforts to exercise moral leadership in the fight against abortion.

#### TRIBUTE TO TWO GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 1997*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute two outstanding young women who are being presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Vermont Girl Scout Council. They are Lori Brown of Rutland, VT and Kathleen Lomedico of Colchester, VT. They were honored on May 29, 1997 for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14 to 17, or in grades 9 to 12. To receive the award, these Girl Scouts first earned four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge as well as designing and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project to meet a special need in their communities.

As a member of the Vermont Girl Scout Council, Lori Brown first earned badges in child care, reading, music, games, well being,